REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request that the amendment made to dependent claim 102 be entered. The amendment to dependent claim 102 has been made merely to correct an incorrect dependency and does not introduce any new matter.

If there are any fees due in connection with this communication, including any fees for a required extension of time, such an extension is requested and the Commissioner is authorized to charge any required fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis Corporation.

Respectfully submitted,

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